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1. (Amended) A notification module for a voice messaging system, comprising:

an auto dialing calling module adapted to initiate a communication with a user at a remote location;

a table associating particular events with a need for notification of said user; and

a controller to activate said auto dialing calling module to notify said user upon satisfaction of a particular event;

wherein said satisfaction of said particular event is determined based on a comparison of <u>a plurality of</u> entries in said table to call related information contained in a log.

16. (Amended) A method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls, comprising:

logging <u>a plurality of entries of</u> call related information as it is received by said voice messaging system;

reviewing said <u>plurality of entries of</u> logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event <u>by more than one incoming call</u> based on said logged call related information; and

notifying a remote user with a notification message in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event.

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23.   (Amended)   Apparatus for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls, comprising:

means for logging <u>a plurality of entries of</u> call related information as it is received by said voice messaging system;

means for reviewing said <u>plurality of entries of</u> logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event <u>by more than one incoming call</u> based on said logged call related information; and

means for notifying a remote user with a notification message in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,946,386 to Rogers et al. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-15 recite comparison of a **plurality** of entries in a table to call related information contained in a log. Claims 16-25 recite apparatus and method of logging a plurality of entries of call related information, and reviewing the plurality of entries of logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event by more than one incoming call.

Rogers relates to call management of just **one** call at a time, and it's an **active call** at that. (See, e.g., Rogers Abstract) According to Rogers, VIP rules can be established for flexible **routing** of an incoming call. (See, e.g., col. 36, lines 12-45). Rogers simply discloses sophisticated call routing. Rogers fails to disclose comparison of a plurality of call related information (i.e., more than one call from a same person) to determine the desired action.

For instance, the present invention discloses that determination of a predetermined **number** of calls from a particular caller within a predetermined range of time or days may be used to trigger a **notification call.**

Rogers fails to disclose use of a **notification call** at all—only routing of an active call.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1-25 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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